

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Memorial Day was first recognized in Waterloo, New York, on May 5, 1866, when the custom of placing flowers on the graves of soldiers began; and

*W*HEREAS, Memorial Day was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, in honor of the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers; and

*W*HEREAS, beginning in 1971, the last Monday in May was designated as Memorial Day — a day to pay tribute and honor to those who had lost their lives in all American Wars; and

*W*HEREAS, the men and women of our Armed Forces protect our allies and other citizens of the world, in addition to the United States; and

*W*HEREAS, each passing year, we recognize the many military anniversaries that impact our country, such as January 31, 2013, which marked 58 years since the end of hostilities in Korea and the official end of the Korean War; May 7, 2013, which marked the 38th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War; May 8, 2013, which marked the 68th Anniversary of "Victory in Europe Day" — the end of World War II in Europe; and August 18, 2013, which will mark the 68th Anniversary of "Victory over Japan Day" — the end of World War II in the Pacific; and

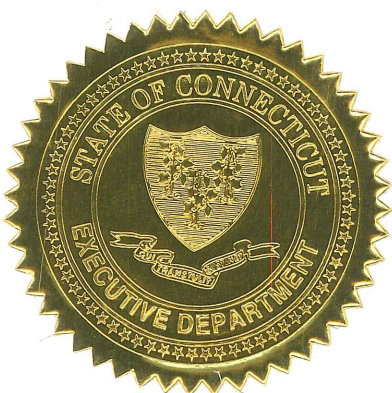
*W*HEREAS, we should also honor the bravery and courage of our Armed Forces members who have served the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and the ongoing Global War on Terror; and


*W*HEREAS, as we recognize this day of honor for the veterans who have served in our Armed Forces, let us express our sincere and earnest gratitude for their extraordinary contributions and sacrifices; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim May 27, 2013, as

MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Connecticut. I urge all citizens to honor the sacrifices and courage of our veterans by remembering the price of freedom and liberty in the United States and throughout the world.




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